

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack September 2009



Priority Comments

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)		
Steve Compton	September 2009	A
<p>Overall, this priority remains at Amber status for this quarter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three year action plan for the economic prosperity outcome has now been refreshed and will form the basis of the economic activity required to meet the specific targets. Despite the recession, the housing output numbers are still out performing the revised targets for both private and affordable housing. Work is progressing on addressing the outstanding baseline issues with the Decent Homes baseline figure and is hoped to be resolved by the end of quarter 3. The Infrastructure outcome remains on target this quarter; the impact of the action plan assessment will be embedded within PCC's business as usual, and the data from DfT will enable baseline and target information to be set by the end of the next quarter. The recession is still causing issues with increasing vacant shop fronts and combined with the Cathedral Sq works at present, city centre retailers are finding it hard going at the moment. OP is working with these retailers to improve signage and minimise disruption where possible. OP./PCC are also proactively working to try and attract new retailers to the city centre to maintain the retail offer and footfall and with the Living Over the Shop initiative promote added vibrancy. The designated indicator GO04a has been revised to 'Number of residential units approved for planning within city centres and district centres' and the Delivery Team are in the process of agreeing a baseline and realistic targets for the LAA period. 		

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Mar Q4 08/09	Jun Q1	Sep t Q2		Prediction
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Outcome Comments

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Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)		
David Nicholls	September 2009	R
<p>This outcome has not, and probably will not reach its end of year targets due to the severity and impact of the economic downturn. The measures are considering the current economic climate considered to be within tolerances, the outcome has been Ragged red as the reporting period is at least 6 months behind so a further potentially deepening downturn is to be anticipated. Some forecasters are predicting that it will be 2015 before we achieve prosperity levels pre recession.</p> <p>The overall employment rate (NI151), however, has again stayed within tolerances. The average weekly wage, whilst having fallen below the baseline set a year ago, is still within 10% of its target. This has to be seen in a positive light considering the impact the recession has had on sectors such as manufacturing and production.</p> <p>Business birth rates measured in terms of VAT registrations are usually a good indicator of the areas economy. However that has to be tempered with the business 'death' rate. A true indicator will be difference between business births and deaths and this figure will only be available in 2010. A number of business support initiatives have been put in place which will over time improve the viability of the local business base.</p> <p>A review of the various partnerships is currently being undertaken and the proposal to launch a business led forum for Peterborough is being discussed with partners and stakeholders. New activity with Business Link East is also being pursued.</p>		

Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)		
Anne Keogh	September 2009	G
<p>NI 154 - Monitoring on Strategic sites (sites of over 15 units) at the end of the first quarter of this year indicated that 232 units had been completed on these sites. Strategic sites typically account for 80% or more of all completions in a year. Monitoring for the second quarter of this year will be completed by the end of October. In April 09, 1,107 homes were under construction in Peterborough. Based on an expectation of a 90% outturn by the end of the financial year we are on target to exceed our refreshed LAA target of 700 units for 09/10.</p> <p>NI 155 - The reported figure of 190 affordable units completed at the end of the first quarter for this year has since been revised and increased to 196. At the end of the second quarter a further 171 affordable units had been completed. This is 55 units below our estimated target for this quarter and is as a result in slight delays in anticipated monthly completions on particular sites but with no impact upon agreed overall site completion dates. At the end of the first half of this financial year a total of 367 affordable units have been completed. This equates to approximately 87% of PCC's refreshed LAA target of 423 for 09/10 and approximately 65% of our own estimated actual completions figure of 562 units based upon HCA grant funding and RSL scheme completion dates.</p> <p>GO2a - A meeting is scheduled for mid November with the consultants who have produced the draft Stock Condition Survey. The aim of this meeting is to resolve outstanding queries relating to the findings of the study and ratify Peterborough's decent homes baseline figure.</p>		



Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)

Phil Harker

September 2009

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Overall this outcome remains on target

NI188 – Guidance document prepared ahead of risk assessment workshop on 5th Nov, to enable assessment and action plans to be undertaken within PCC Services (with support). Next stage will be to begin embedding action plans into service streams so that adaption measures / plans become business as usual operations.

NI167 – Following decision to utilise DfT datasets (rather than generation of Peterborough specific data); we are still waiting for the data from DfT to enable baseline and targets to be set. Need to establish that this will not negatively impact Peterborough performance relative to this NI due to lack of data.

Safe, Vibrant City & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)

Steve Bowyer

September 2009

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Considerable progress has been made on the outstanding issues for Outcome GO04:

We have agreed with PCC Strategic Planning a mechanism by which we can collate permissions for residential units in the City Centre. The District Centres are proving more problematic, but OP and PCC are working closely to resolve that. In terms of delivery, major schemes are struggling in the current economic climate, but positive moves are being made on the Living Over The Shop scheme with the engagement of HCA and local RSL, and the development of a draft business case.

Very positive progress has been made both strategically and through direct action over Vacant Shop Frontages (units) in the city centre and district centres. A comprehensive strategic group has been established to co-ordinate and steer initiatives to address vacant units in City Centre and District Centres – with work groups on 3 key initiative areas (Commercial, Cultural, Community) along with a small group to ensure data collation and GIS recording. In terms of direct action, the Destination Centre is planned to open w/c 9/11, and the Women's Enterprise Centre to follow shortly afterwards opposite. An artist studio has been established in the Old Still in Queensgate which is proving highly popular. Further initiatives are planned and will be co-ordinated through the above group.

Footfall numbers have been affected, but not hugely, by the recession. It is anticipated that these will increase with the completion of the public realm works.